

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) A dowel (1) for use in the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a substructure (3), said dowel (1) having a pressing plate (13) and a dowel sleeve (15) attached to said pressing plate (13) for taking up an expansion element (11) having an expansion element head (12), wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an expansion zone (18),  
  
characterized by  
  
said pressing plate (13) having a single planar lower side with a single outer circumference; and  
  
cutting elements on the lower side of the pressing plate consisting of a tooth-shaped cutting edge (17) extending from the lower side of the pressing plate (13) at the outer circumference of said pressing plate, said cutting elements being curved along a circumferential length to substantially follow said pressing plate outer circumference and adapted to cut a smooth circular face into the insulating plate (2) during pulling in of said pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) under simultaneous compression of said insulating plate (2).
2. (Original) Dowel according to claim 1, characterized by a pressing plate (13) having a pressing plate shaft (14) attached therewith, wherein the pressing plate shaft (14) and the dowel sleeve (15) can be axially shifted against each other.

3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 1 characterized in that the pressing plate (13) includes an engagement device, in which the expansion element (11) can engage.
5. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 1, characterized in that the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an anti-twist device against twisting of the dowel sleeve (15) within the bore-hole (4).
- 6-21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 1, characterized in that the pressing plate (13) comprises a recess (19) for the engagement of a drive (32, 33).
23. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 2, characterized in that the pressing plate (13) comprises a recess (19) for the engagement of a drive (32, 33).
24. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 22, characterized in that the pressing plate (13) includes an engagement device, in which the expansion element (11) can engage.

25. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 23, characterized in that the pressing plate (13) includes an engagement device, in which the expansion element (11) can engage.
26. (Previously Presented) Dowel according to claim 28, characterized in that the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an anti-twist device against twisting of the dowel sleeve (15) within the bore-hole (4).
27. (Canceled)
28. (Currently Amended) Dowel (1) for the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a substructure (3) having a pressing plate (13) and a dowel sleeve (15) attached to said pressing plate (13) for taking up an expansion ~~element~~ element (11) having an expansion element head (12), wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an expansion zone (18),
- characterized by
- the pressing plate (13) having a single planar lower side circular about an axis with a maximum radius from the axis at ~~it's the~~ its single outer rim of said plate lower side, and
- cutting elements on the lower side of said pressing plate consisting of cutting devices (17) arranged at the outer rim, said cutting elements being curved

with said maximum radius to substantially follow said pressing plate outer rim.

29. (Previously Presented) A dowel (1) for use in the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a substructure (3), said dowel (1) having a pressing plate (13) and a dowel sleeve (15) attached to said pressing plate (13) for taking up an expansion element (11) having an expansion element head (12), wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an expansion zone (18),

characterized by

said pressing plate (13) having lower side with a single outer circumference; and cutting elements on the lower side of the pressing plate consisting of a tooth-shaped cutting edge (17) extending from at the lower side of the pressing plate (13) at the outer circumference of said pressing plate, said cutting elements being curved along a circumferential length to substantially follow said pressing plate outer circumference and adapted to cut a smooth circular face into the insulating plate (2) during pulling in of said pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) under simultaneous compression of said insulating plate (2).